

# Backcountry Camping Trip Guide

One Night

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## Riprap and Wildcat from the boundary

Standard - Circuit

**Level:** Advanced

**Total Length:** 11.2 miles

**Trip Description:** Seldom-camped area on a popular circuit; views, cascades, swimming hole

**Entry:** Riprap Boundary

South District; West side; Route # 612

**Exit:** Riprap Boundary

South District; West side; Route # 612

**Map(s):** PATC #11 South District

### Day One

Campsite: Riprap Trail - backcountry

3 to 4 miles

Hike up Riprap Trail 3 to 4 miles and find a place to dry-camp.

At 0.9 miles, cross junction with Wildcat Ridge Trail; stay on Riprap (to the left).

At 1.4 miles find an excellent swimming hole. If needed, pick up water here, or a little further up before you leave the stream.

### Day Two

7.2 to 8.2 miles

Finish hiking Riprap Trail, another 0.5 to 1.5 miles (4.5 total).

Turn right onto Appalachian Trail (AT) and hike south 3.1 miles.

Turn right onto Wildcat Ridge Trail and descend 2.7 miles.

Turn left at Riprap Trail and return to car (0.9 mile).

### Notes

While there are many hikers on this circuit on weekends, very few camp at the top of Riprap Trail since good legal sites are hard to find.